Dewan's reply.—Noted.

Subject No. 126.

Treatment of Kumsi Sub-Taluk for Forest purposes.

Summary of discussion.—The Sub-Taluk of Kumsi is treated as Malnad for the purpose of allowing batta to Government officials and withholding remissions in years of scarcity, but the raiyats' privileges as regards wood and bamboos are denied, the Sub-Taluk being treated as Maidan for forest purposes. The Sub-Taluk should be declared Malnad for forest purposes also.

The Deputy Commissioner remarked that parts of the Sub-Taluk were declared Malnad in 1891; that the present rules made them Maidan and that their re-declaration as Malnad had already been recommended.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner's recommendation will be considered.

Subject No. 127.

Excessive reservation of State Forest in Shimoga District.

Summary of discussion.—The Forest Department have included the village free gomal lands within the State Forest, and levy a fee of two annas on every head of cattle for grazing therein. This restriction should be removed and cattle allowed to graze in the State Forest free of charge. The State Forest limits are also too near the villages, being from half a mile to one mile.

[The Dewan enquired whether there has been any new demarcation and the Deputy Commissioner replied that he had reported on the subject some time before, and that the order was "Recorded"].

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner's report will be looked into again. The principle is that in the Malnad, it is as important to prevent the growth of forests too near villages, as it is to reserve and conserve them.

Subject No. 128.

Bende and Thadasal fibres, &c.

Summary of discussion.—The practice of selling Bende and Thadasal fibres and Malavé creepers should be abolished and their free use should be allowed. The sale brings in little revenue to Government and is annoying to the raiyats.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner will abolish this practice.

Subject No. 129

Fuel from State Forests.

Summary of discussion.—There is no District jungle in some villages, nor sufficient supply of fuel in some District jungles. Fuel may be granted free in State Forests.

Dewan's reply.—Inexpedient.

Subject No. 130.

Enlargement of Aralakattekere.

Summary of discussion.—The katte above the Aralakattekere in the village of Gopasettipura may be turned into a reservoir at the cost of Government, as it is capable of irrigating 400 acres of dry land.

Dewan's reply.—The project does not look promising.